

MISSOURI AIR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Missouri Air Conservation Commission met December 6, 2001 and discussed concerns with one of the standards in the state's odor rules. The affected rules are 10 CSR 10-2.070, 10 CSR 10-3.090, 10 CSR 10-4.070, and 10 CSR 10-5.160. These rules establish odor standards for Class 1A concentrated animal feeding operations. Compliance with the odor standard is determined by an olfactory panel that is a group of people who characterize the odor for its concentration and intensity.

Air sample data collected by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources indicated that one standard of the rule, the detection threshold standard, is too rigorous. The commission recommended that the department not issue violations on this particular standard until the detection threshold level can be researched and this issue resolved. Other requirements of the odor rules, such as the odor control plans and the n-butanol, odor intensity standard, remain unaffected by the commission's decision.

The department will conduct additional research and determine what additional action must be taken to resolve the concerns with this rule standard. Actions taken will include contacting involved parties prior to revising the rules. Resulting rule revisions to correct the detection threshold standard are expected to be effective by early next year.

For questions or comments concerning the rules, contact the department's Air Pollution Control Program in writing at PO Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, by phone at (573) 751-4817 or by fax at (573) 751-2706.